

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
03/20/2023

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, March 20, 2023, at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Al Cerny; Council Members: Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Darwin Grim, Cory Graber, Guyla Husman, and not present Guhner Kepler. Also present were Police Chief Doug Catts, News Reporter Patty Connealy, Finance Officer Alex Hamilton, Librarian Tara Engel, Attorney Amy Jacobsen, Chamber Interim Director Ana Smiley and guests Ryler Stevicks and Adyson Stukel.

### **Agenda**

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to approve the agenda with the addition of item (F) soil sampling from American Engineering, and add library claims in the amount of \$1600.51. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to approve the minutes from the 03/06/2023 meeting, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **Public Forum**

None

### **Dept. Head Reports**

Librarian Tara Engel reported that she has finalized her state report, with the library seeing an increased attendance. Chamber Interim Director Ana Smiley reported that she has begun working on the Easter Egg Hunt with the National Honor Society and been getting chamber dues letters sent out. Police Chief Doug Catts reported that he had just returned from a Highway Safety training with topics on grants. City Supt. Josey Larsen reported that the guys are preparing for street work with winter coming to an end.

### **Committee Reports**

None

### **No Conflict of Interest**

None

### **New Business**

#### *Property Tax Appeals*

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guyla Husman, to enter the Board of Equalization. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny presented an appeal from Billi Jean Colford. Billi Jean the owner of parcel #6312, 518 Rice St, is appealing the value of the land and structure on her property being assessed to high. Billi Jean is asking to have the value of the land set at \$5,000 and the structure to be set at \$115,000 totaling \$120,000 assessed value of the property. Billi Jean provided the comparable property's parcel #6029 valued at \$184,724, parcel #6262 valued at \$125,277, parcel #7552 valued at \$208,440, and parcel #6495 valued at \$150,954. After reviewing the provided market comparables, and discussion motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to lower the total assessed value from \$189,770 to \$178,643. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey to exit the board of equalization. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

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### *Lot Sales*

Mayor Cerny reported that we have receive a full price offer from Kim and Larry Nordsiden for Lot 5A in Grande Circle. Motion was Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to accept the offer of \$25,000 from Kim and Larry Nordsiden. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny presented a signed contract for dead from Jensen Design to purchase Lots 6, 7, and 8 in Block 1 in Grandview. Jensen has put \$1500 down with the remainder due upon him selling the lots. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve the contract for deed with Jensen Design Build. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny also presented an offer of \$60,000 to purchase Lots 1,2,3 and 4 in Block 5 of Grandview Addition. The offer was made by the Gregory Board of Education. Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Darwin Grim, to accept the offer of \$60,000 from the Gregory Board of education. Councilor Ashley Lozano withstood from voting. All remaining members voted aye; the motion carried.

### *Helms Associates Grant Application/Mayor as Signee*

Mayor Cerny presented the grant application for the design of the t-hangars project at the Gregory Municipal Airport. The city share would be \$7,500. Mayor Cerny stated that we need a motion to approve the application and to allow the himself Mayor Cerny, to electronically sign documents in the future. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve the sign the grant application and allow Mayor Cerny to sign documents electronically. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### *Highway Radar Speed Signs*

Mayor Cerny asked to make sure the council wanted to pursue replacing the broken highway radar signs. Council would like to pursue replacing them. Finance Officer Hamilton and Police Chief Doug Catts will investigate replacements and grant opportunities.

### *Airport Conference*

Mayor Cerny stated that Finance Officer Hamilton and himself would like to attend the airport conference the last week of March in Deadwood. Cerny stated that it is a good way to stay in touch with the FAA. Council approved to send Hamilton and Cerny.

### *Soil Sampling*

Mayor Cerny reported that we only could get one company to quote us the soil sampling where the addition of the city shop will be placed. American Engineering quoted us not to exceed \$5,500.00. Motion was made by Cory Graber, seconded by Ashley Lozano to approve the quote from American Engineering to do the soil samples. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **Claims**

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
CLAIMS REPORT		
ACE'S CAR WASH	PD CAR WASH TOKENS	96.00
BARTLING WELDING & MACHINE INC	IRON WORK	980.09
CIAVARELLA DESIGN INC	CITY SHOP DESIGN SERVICES	4451.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	126.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4755.93
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WORKSPACE, MICROSOFT SUB	272.63
GREGORY COUNTY 4-H	PASS THRU GRANT/SD COMM FOUND	4600.90
GREGORY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	ROAD MAINTENANCE	920.00
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDER FEE	90.00

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INSURANCE BENEFITS INC	AIRPORT LIABILITY INS RENEWAL	4887.00
JEREMY ATKINS	PARTIAL REIM SAFTY VEST	500.00
JERRYS ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	REPLACE PROPANE SHOP HEATER	2634.44
MODERN MARKETING	PD STADIUM CUPS/SUNGLASSES	1761.59
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER SERVICE CONTRACTSC/CLIPS	87.68
OPPERMAN INC	10.5 HRS HAULING SNOW	1512.00
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	2.70
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	BLOOD ALCOHOL TESTING	40.00
RANCHER'S LIVESTOCK EQUIP	2 SNOWPLOW CUTTING EDGES	3495.07
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	DIESEL/KEROSENE/TIRE REPAIR/PROPANE	5167.21
SD AIRPORTS CONFERENCE	AIRPORT CONF DEADWOOD MAR 29-30	200.00
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	DIST 4 ANNUAL MEETING REG	48.00
TARA ENGEL	MILEAGE REIMB CHAMBERLAIN	41.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	1342.40
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS/SUPPLIES/ATRIUUM EXPRESS SUB	1600.51
Accounts Payable Total		42,613.32
Payroll Checks		15064.06
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		57,677.38
GENERAL FUND		49,967.77
WATER FUND		7,239.01
SEWER FUND		470.60
TOTAL FUNDS		57,677.38

Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to pay the claims, including the \$1,600.51 claim from the library. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to adjourn. All members voted aye; the carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Officer: *Alexander Hamilton*

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Mayor: *Al Cerny*